

IN THE CLAIMS

The pending claims are as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) A method of filtering and storing information about content stored on at least one network device and accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering devices adapted for rendering content, the method comprising the steps of:

a) periodically filtering information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices;

b) storing, in a content directory, the filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by said at least one network rendering device; and

c) searching or browsing the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device;

wherein said searching or browsing of the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device, is performed independently of said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered

information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a format that is not compatible with the at least one network rendering device.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a transport protocol that is not compatible with the at least one network rendering device.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a DRM system that is not supported by the at least one network rendering device.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the

plurality of network rendering devices, is repeated over a predefined time interval.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, is performed when a network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is removed from the network.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, is performed where a new network rendering device is added to the network.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, is performed upon elapse of a predetermined time interval following removal from the network of a network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the network is a UPnP network, and the information about the content is stored by an UPnP content directory service.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further the step of:

selecting content for transfer via the network to the at least one network rendering device, wherein said selecting is based on the searching or browsing step, and wherein said content selected for transfer is renderable by the at least one network rendering device.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

periodically filtering information about the content to yield filtered information including information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, and making available on the network said filtered information including information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

initiating an action based on said filtered information including information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device, wherein the action comprises any of the following:

- a) upgrading the network;
- b) downloading and/or installing a codec;
- c) adapting a security parameter;
- d) recommending the purchase or upgrade of at least one network rendering device; and
- e) providing a human-perceptible explanation of why content is unusable by the at least one network rendering device.

25. (Previously Presented) A device adapted for filtering and storing information about content accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering device adapted for rendering content, the device comprising:

- a) at least one filtering element adapted to periodically filter information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices; and
- b) a storage element containing a content directory including the filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by said at least one network rendering device;

wherein the content directory is searchable or browseable to enable review of said filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device, and searching or browsing of the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device is performed independently of said periodic filtering by the at least one filtering element to yield filtered information devoid of information about content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device.

26. (Previously Presented) A media server embodying the device of claim 25.

27. (Previously Presented) A network comprising the device of claim 25 and at least one network rendering device.